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**NAVY REGION SOUTHWEST
REGIONAL EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT PROGRAM**

Annex K

Foreign Disaster Relief

1. Discussion

- a. Foreign disaster relief will be authorized only by the Assistant Secretary of Defense (International Security Affairs), who will determine what actions and to what extent the DoD will respond to Department of State (DOS) requests for support to foreign disasters.
- b. Consistent with this responsibility, the Assistant Secretary of Defense (International Security Affairs) will direct such support, as necessary, via Joint Chiefs of Staff and unified commanders in coordination with the armed forces.

2. Action

- a. The Regional Office of Emergency Management (OEM) shall be the primary point of contact for coordination of requested and authorized relief.
- b. Regional OEM will serve as the regional point of contact and coordinate all Navy activities providing the requested and authorized relief.
- c. Funding authorization must be received by the region prior to commencement of relief operations.
- d. Any Navy command or activity within the region area of responsibility receiving requests for disaster relief directly from a foreign government shall refer such requests to the region for action.

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